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REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 7-8, 13 and 19 have been canceled. Claims 3, 9, 14, and 20 have been amended herein. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-2, 7-8, 13 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Publication 2004/0218045 to Bodnar et al.

Claims 1-2, 7-8, 13 and 19 have been canceled.

II ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 3-6, 9-12, 14-18, and 20-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the examiner indicates that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 3, 9, 14, and 20 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4-6, 10-12, 15-18, and 21-24 each depend from one of claims 3, 9, 14, and 20 and therefore now include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

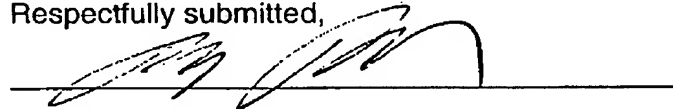
III. CONCLUSION

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Accordingly, Claims 3-6, 9-12, 14-18, and 20-24 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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